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• ICC Prosecutor v Thomas Lubanga Dyilo (Public Judgment pursuant to Article 74 of the Statute No ICC-01/04-01/06 2/593) (14 March 2012) 567 (hereafter Lubanga case).


• ICTY (Appeals Chamber) Prosecutor v Radoslav Branin (3 April 2007) Case No IT-99-36-A para 482.

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Thus:

• The recruitment of child soldiers was first addressed in the Additional Protocols (API and APII) to the four Geneva Conventions (GC).

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Thus:


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Thus:

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• See note 21.

• Franck op cit note 21 at 367.

• In the work cited in note 21.

• See also s 7.

• See text to note 21.

• Ibid (meaning in the same place).

• Ibid at 367 (meaning in the place last referred to, but at page 367).
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